

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOWING MULTIPLE SUB-CLUSTERS TO SURVIVE A CLUSTER PARTITION
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on November 28, 2007. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of December 28, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 8** of this paper.